

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 24, and 25 as follows.

Please cancel Claims 21 and 23, without prejudice.

Please add new Claims 26 and 27.

1. (Currently amended) A stripping device for use with a cutting tool with a cutting element for machining a workpiece, the stripping device comprising:

at least one fastening piece for fastening the stripping device to the cutting tool;

a spring-elastic element which is arranged outside the workpiece contact region and around the cutting element;

a stripping element which ~~comes into contact with the workpiece and~~ surrounds the cutting element, wherein the stripping element has a non-circular cross-section and a front surface which comes into contact with the workpiece, at least a portion of the front surface being beveled; and

a guide element having an outer surface with a circular cross-section and having an inner surface defining a hole with a non-circular cross-section corresponding in shape with the non-circular cross-section of the stripping element, the entire surface of the hole being formed by a single homogenous piece of material, wherein the guide element is configured to guide the stripping element and independently prevent the stripping element from rotating.

2. (Previously presented) The stripping device as in claim 1, wherein the stripping element has a cross-sectional shape with no rotational symmetry.

3. (Previously presented) The stripping device as in claim 1, wherein the hole has an elongated or polygonal shape.

4. (Previously presented) The stripping device as in claim 1, wherein the stripping element has a cross-sectional shape with three straight sides and one curved side.

5. (Previously presented) The stripping device as in claim 1, wherein the guide element comprises at least one guide sleeve arranged outside the stripping element, at least partially surrounding the stripping element in a guiding manner.

6. (Withdrawn) The stripping device as in claim 5, wherein instead of the device for securing against rotation in the form of a pairing, formed asymmetrically in at least one

direction, of stripping element and hole or opening in the guide element, two fitting shoulder screws are provided for fastening to the cutting tool, and a region of the stripping element that surrounds the fitting shoulder screws is provided for engaging round a fastening plate for the cutting element.

7. (Previously presented) The stripping device as in claim 1, further comprising at least one guide surface between the stripping element and the guide element, a length of which surface can be provided as a function of the forces acting on the stripping device in order to ensure tilt-free guidance.

8. (Previously presented) The stripping device as in claim 7, wherein the stripping element has an essentially straight section and a protruding section, and wherein the stripping device comprises guide surfaces on the straight and the protruding sections of the stripping element.

9. (Previously presented) The stripping device as in claim 1, wherein the stripping element has at least one guide surface on its inside facing the cutting element and/or the stripping element and the spring-elastic element are oriented, surrounding the cutting element, in such a manner that they can be loaded in a manner essentially free from torque.

10. (Withdrawn) The stripping device as in claim 1, wherein a lubricant, in particular a solid lubricant, is provided at least in a subregion of the straight section.

11. (Previously presented) The stripping device as in claim 1, wherein the guide element is formed integrally with the fastening piece or the guide element and the fastening piece are formed as elements which can be joined together.

12. (Previously presented) The stripping device as in claim 1, wherein the spring-elastic element is arranged between the stripping element or the guide element and the cutting tool and/or within the guide element.

13. (Withdrawn) The stripping device as in claim 1, wherein at least one protruding region and/or protruding section, in particular a claw- or clamp-shaped section, is or are provided on the circumference of the fastening piece for engaging around a fastening device of the cutting tool, in particular standardized fastening plate.

14. (Previously presented) The stripping device as in claim 1, wherein the stripping element has a front surface corresponding to the workpiece.

15. (Original) The stripping device as in claim 1, wherein the spring-elastic element is a rubber spring or consists of another spring-elastic, restoring or flexible material.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Previously presented) The stripping device as in claim 7, wherein the forces are shearing and lateral forces.

18. (Previously presented) The stripping device as in claim 9, wherein the at least one guide surface faces a stem of the fitted cutting element.

19. (Previously presented) The stripping device as in claim 14, wherein the front surface comprises bronze or another material which can be machined and matched to the shape of the workpiece surface.

20. (Previously presented) The stripping device as in claim 1, wherein the at least one fastening piece is for detachably fastening the stripping device to the cutting tool.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Canceled)

23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently amended) The stripping device as in claim 1, wherein the stripping element ~~has a~~ front surface ~~at~~ has a non-zero bevel angle.

25. (Currently amended) The stripping device as in claim 1, wherein the stripping element ~~has a~~ front surface ~~comprising~~ comprises a first surface portion at a non-zero angle to a second surface portion.

26. (New) The stripping device as in claim 1, wherein the front surface has a bevel angle between 5 and 10 degrees.

27. (New) The stripping device as in claim 1, wherein the front surface is shaped in accordance to a shape of the workpiece.